

**The Reichstag.**  
Berlin, Dec. 17.—The Reichstag yesterday voted down the government's proposition to make a conscription general in Prussia. The appropriation made is only for the salary of the school.

**More Miners Out of Work.**  
Cromwell, O., Dec. 17.—The mine owners in this city and vicinity have decided on a reduction of twelve and one-half cents per ton for mining, and the miners, about two hundred in number, held a meeting yesterday afternoon at which they decided not to accept the reduction. This throws about 300 men out of work.

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death of his wife. He asked me to get some arsenic and make a solution with which I poured over the body. He wanted to preserve the body and put it in a coffin. He had an outfit for DeForest; got him five ounces of strychnine and put it into a bottle with some rum. Water was present at the post mortem examination; heard a conversation between respondent and Mr. Davis, July 1, 1896, before they went to the grave. Mr. Millard ordered the strychnine and arsenic in the possession of that time. Mr. Millard and his sister-in-law wanted me to make sure so that he could see how they would correspond; was at the grave when Mr. Millard came to me and consented to go and make a statement what I had done that day. I had charge the funeral; the coffin was purchased of J. Arrington. Were made for the coffin.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—The West African Conference did not start to-day owing to the absence of the President, Prince Bismarck. It is said the Chancellor has been made nervous by his recent defeats in the Reichstag.

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**Holiday Goods in Great Variety.**